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1. MOZAMBIQUE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WITH CHIASSANO AS PRIME
MINISTER WAS SWORN IN AT CEREMONY 11 AM LOCAL TIME BY HIGH
COMMISSIONER ADMIRAL CRESPO. CEREMONY WAS DOMINATED BY
READING OF 1-1/2 HOUR MESSAGE FROM SAMORA MACHEL, PRESIDENT
OF FRELIMO. ELDERLY MEMBERS OF CONSULAR CORPS STOOD THROUGHOUT
WITH FEW DROP OUTS.

2. UNDERSECRETARY TANG REPRESENTED UN, UNDER SECRETARY GENERAL
ETEKI REPRESENTED OAU, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CAMPINOS AND
MELO ANTUNES REPRESENTED PORTUGAL. FOREIGN DELEGATIONS INCLUDED
TANZANIA, ZAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSEAU, ALGERIA AND SOMALIA. TIME
AND PLACE OF CEREMONY ANNOUNCED HALF HOUR BEFORE AND
MAXIMUM SECURITY PROVIDED BY PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES. CONSULS
GENERAL WERE INVITED BUT NOT RHODESIAN.

3. DOMINANT THEME OF MACHEL'S MESSAGE WAS THAT "GOVERNMENT IS
FRELIMO'S INSTRUMENT AT THE STATE LEVEL, THE EXECUTIVE ARM OF
THE PEOPLE'S WILL." MESSAGE THEN WENT ON TO OUTLINE THE
PROGRAM OF THE TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT WHICH EMPHASIZED AUSTERITY
AND SELF HELP.

4. FULL ANALYSIS OF WRITTEN TEXT OF MACHEL'S SPEECH WILL BE
FORWARDED SEPARATELY. IN THE MEANTIME, SUFFICE IT TO SAY IT
WAS AS PURITANICAL, MILITANT (WITH SOME MARXIST TERMS) AND
IDEALISTIC AS ANY OF THE EARLY SPEECHES OF YUGOSLAV PARTISANS,
ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARIES
OR TANZANIAN SOCIALISTS WHICH CHARAC-
TERIZED THEIR EARLY DAYS OF POWER. IT WAS ALMOST ENTIRELY
DEVOTED TO THE DOMESTIC PROBLEM OF NATION BUILDING AND THE
ELIMINATION OF TRIBALISM, RACISM AND COLONIALISM IN MOZAMBIQUE.
THERE WAS NOTHING ON FOREIGN POLICY, PER SE.

5. ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO MOZAMBIQUE'S WHITE POPULATION
"WHETHER PORTUGUESE OR FOREIGN NATIONALS IN GENERAL,"
MACHEL SAID HIS FIRST WORDS WERE "CALM AND TRUST...
THEREFORE, ALL THOSE WHO LIVE OFF THEIR HONEST LABOR,
WHOM WE KNOW TO BE THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF WHITE
POPULATION, HAVE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO MAKE TO OUR
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COUNTRY'S NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION."

6. MACHEL ALSO STATED FRELIMO WOULD COOPERATE SINCERELY
WITH HIGH COMMISSIONER AND WITH PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES
AND RE-AFFIRMED FRIENDSHIP WITH PORTUGUESE PEOPLE.

7. CHIASSANO'S SPEECH WAS SHORT, PRAGMATIC AND
DEVOID OF ANY IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT. HE STRUCK ME, AS AT PRESS

CONFERENCE, AS HIGHLY ARTICULATE AND INTELLIGENT.

8. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE FOR TRANSMISSION TO
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT. CONCUR IN ORAL PRESENTATION,
FOLLOWED BY LETTER, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY BE SOME DAYS
BEFORE MY INITIAL CALL ON THE PRIME MINISTER AND SECOND CALL
ON HIGH COMMISSIONER. COMPOSITION OF GOVERNMENT SENT SEPTEL.
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